Sri T. CHANNIAH.—They are governed by the Mysore Service Regulations. No dearness allowance or ration allowance can be given to nurses when they are on privilege leave.

Sri SYDNEY A. THOMAS.—Will the Government in future at least consider the payment of this allowance, Sir?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—As I said, according to the rules it is not permissible and I cannot make any such promise.

Power and irrigation schemes to be taken over by Centre.

Q.—718. Sri B. NARAYANASWAMY (Mysore City South).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

whether it has come to their notice that the works relating to power and irrigation in certain scarcity areas in the State will be taken over by the Central Government; if so, whether they will furnish the particulars?

A.—Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA (Minister for Agriculture).—

No.

Sri B. NARAYANASWAMY.—From the answer furnished, am I to understand that there is no such move on the part of the Central Government?

Dr. R. NAGAN COWDA.—We have no information at all.

Sri B. NARAYANASWAMY.—Has it come to the notice of the Government, Sir, that such a news had come in the newspapers a month ago that the Central Government is going to take over the power and irrigation works in distress areas?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—No, Sir, I have not seen that.

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Sri L. SIDDAPPA.—What are the recommendations of the Ramamurthy Committee who toured round the scarcity area?

Mr. SPEAKER.—That was answered on Saturday; I understand a copy of the report has been placed on the table of this House.

Sri L. SIDDAPPA.—Have the recommendations not been accepted by the Central Government?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—I am not aware how many of the recommendations have been accepted. Anyway, so far as this point is concerned, we have no information.

Agriculture Extension Project (Malavalli Taluk).

Q.—755. Sri B. P. NAGARAJA MURTHY (Malavalli).—

Will the Government to pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether they proposed to wind up the Agriculture Extension Project started in Malavalli Taluk;

(*b*) if so, what are the reasons for such a proposal?

A.—Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA (Minister for Agriculture).—

(*a*) No, but it will be converted into a National Extension Service block with effect from 1st April 1954.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Sri B. P. NAGARAJA MURTHY.—For how many places these Extension Projects were sanctioned originally, Sir?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—This Project was taken up on the arrangement we had with the Government of India in consultation with the Ford Foundation. Now the Indian Council of Agricultural Research have decided and written to us that these will have to be closed. But, in the same place we will be opening the National Extension Service.

Sri B. P. NAGARAJA MURTHY.—May I know the reason?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—The letter from the Indian Council of Agricultual Research states, "I am directed that it has been decided by Government of India in consultation with the Ford Foundation that the Agriculture Extension Project will be converted into National Extension Service Block"; so it will be changed.